

The Assembly of Pharmacists of the International Pharmaceutical Federation convened in Helsinki in September, 1986, established the "André Bédât Award" as a tribute to the services rendered to international pharmacy by Mr Bédât, who was President of the Federation from 1978 to 1986.

#### Criteria

This award shall be given biennially to a pharmacist or a person eligible to be licensed as a pharmacist in, either the country of residence or of qualification, who is an outstanding practitioner, having made significant contributions to pharmacy at the international level.

The André Bédât Award will be awarded every two years at an annual FIP Congress.

#### Procedure for Election

Calls for nominations, accompanied by a list of past recipients of the Award, will be sent to each Member of the Board of Pharmaceutical Practice (BPP) and to all Member Organisations of the Federation, during the month of October, preceding the year in which the award will be presented.

Candidates for the André Bédât Award may be proposed by the Member Organisations of the Federation, and by Members of the Board of Pharmaceutical Practice (BPP).

NB: A person who is a member of the BPP or the Bureau shall not be eligible for nomination for the Award during his/her term of office.

Nominations should be submitted to the FIP Professional Secretary before 1<sup>st</sup> March, of the year in which the award will be presented, and should contain the following information:

- a) Curriculum Vitae of not more than two A4 pages.
  - b) A statement of the reasons why the candidate has been recommended
- 1) All nominations are to be strictly confidential to the Board members and are not to be divulged.
  - 2) The Professional Secretary will be responsible for informing the Award winner and only after this has happened may Board Members divulge the information relating to the winner.
  - 3) The confidentiality of unsuccessful nominations is to be maintained.

Pursuant to this action, the following procedures shall be established:

#### Selection Committee

The Board of Pharmaceutical Practice of FIP shall be the Selection Committee.

#### Selection

- 1) The Selection Committee, i.e. the Board of Pharmaceutical Practice of FIP, will vote by written ballot at the Annual Meeting of the Board.
- 2) For the first ballot, all candidates will be listed.
- 3) The candidate receiving more than half the votes cast will be the Award Recipient.
- 4) If no candidate receives a majority vote on the first ballot, the name of the candidate with the least number of votes will be withdrawn and another vote taken.
- 5) This elimination procedure shall continue until there are only two candidates left.
- 6) For the final ballot, the names of the last two candidates will be re-circulated, and the one receiving the most votes shall be declared to be the Award Recipient.
- 7) Each member of the Selection Committee shall have one vote. However, should there be a tied vote, the Chairman of the BPP shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.
- 8) The refusal or failure to vote by any member of the Selection Committee shall not invalidate the result of the ballot.

#### AWARD

The recipient of the award is expected to respond during the awarding ceremony.

Elements in the award package include:

- the André Bédard Award and a certificate,
- travel expenses to the FIP Congress for the recipient, based on an Apex ticket if travelling by air,
- free registration for recipient and spouse
- hotel accommodation for recipient and spouse and
- tickets to the closing dinner for recipient and spouse.